March, 1996, subject to the availability of equipment and other resources.

National Telecom Policy, 1994 envisages provision of telephone on demand by 1997 including Punjab.

Statement

Details of Districwise Waiting List of Punjab State as on 30.10.95

S. No.	Name of District/SSA		Waiting List
1.	Amritsar		11044
2.	Bhatinda (Mansa)		6085
3.	Ludhiana		56675
4.	Ferozpur (Faridkot Muktsar)		12880
5.	Pathankot (SSA head Gurdaspur)		4151
6.	Hoshiarpur		7671
7.	Jalandar (Kapurthala Navashahr)		36427
8.	Patiala (Fatehgarh Sahib)		15442
9.	Sangrur		9574
10.	Ropar		2834
		TOTAL	162783
11.	Chandigarh (UT)		41079
		GRAND TOTAL	203862

Participation by Nations in Oil Meet

391. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently 25 nations participated in an oil meet; and

(b) if so, the details of the meeting and the decision taken to increase the oil production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) A conference of oil industry experts was organised by TERI, a non-Governmental Organisation, during 18-20 July, 1995 in New Delhi, which was attended by delegates from various countries all over the world especially the central Asian countries. Issues of common interest in the field of energy trade, energy conservation, technology transfer, environmental management, funding mechanism, database and exchange of information were deliberated in the conference.

Facilities to NRIs

392. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NRIs have been demanding the issue of dual citizenship to them; if so, what are the details in this regard;

(b) whether Government propose to issue orange card to NRIs instead of dual citizenship; if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken; and

(d) what are the problems faced by NRIs living in USA and other countries and how Government propose to solve them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) The demand for dual citizenship has been raised by certain organisations of NRIs in several fora in the recent past. The Government have not accepted the demand for dual citizenship as the concept is not consistent with the Constitution of India and the Citizenship Act, 1995.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) Government is aware of the consular, commercial and other types of problems and needs of NRIs in the U.S. and other countries. Government is sensitive to the problems faced by NRIs living in the USA and other countries. Our Missions abroad remain in close touch with the Indian community living in their areas of accreditation. On receipt of a complaint, the Mission tries to resolve the problem by taking up the case with the concerned authorities of the foreign Government or the employer.